Contractors under the Production Sharing Contracts for exploration blocks and discovered fields. Customs duty is a dynamic factor and its impact on ONGC's costing cannot be assessed in advance. The operating cost of producing crude oil and natural gas by Indian companies, including ONGC, is comparable with international costs in this regard.

Checking of adulteration in petrol

4336. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to standardize the specification of petrol in petrol pumps to check adulteration;

(b) if so, the measures taken by the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) in the matter; and

(c) the views of the automobile industry in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) to (c) The Indian Standards for petrol as prescribed by Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) is given in IS-2796:2000 that has been adopted in MS/HSD Control Order to ensure the quality of petrol supplied to retail outlets. For petrol, the BIS specifications are similar to the National Standards of USA and European Union including the test procedure. These testing procedures are updated and aligned with international procedures from time to time.

Completion of Paradeep Refinery

4337. SHRI K. KALAVENKATA RAO: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Oil Corporation proposes to issue bonds in favour of Orissa Government for completion of Paradeep Refinery;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when the project is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) Yes, Sir.